DRAFT MINUTES

City of Flagstaff PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE



Thursday, February 14, 2019 | 4:30 pm

City Hall, Council Chambers 211 West Aspen Avenue, Flagstaff, Arizona

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:31 pm. On roll call, the following Committee members were present:

Brandon Cruickshank, chair Jodi Norris Zach Schwartz Jack Welch

Members absent:

Megan Hosterman

Two vacancies

The following City and agency staff were present:

Paige Hardman, Montoya Fellow Martin Ince, multimodal planner Jenny Niemann, sustainability specialist

Public present:

None

I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Announcements

Ms. Norris reported on the usual experience of pedestrians having to struggle through the snow. She said that the situation does not appear to be improving.

Mr. Welch announced the dates for the Schultz Creek trailhead open houses.

2. Public Comment

There was no Public Comment.

3. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Schwartz made, and Mr. Welch seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 13, 2018. The motion was approved unanimously (4-0).

II. OLD BUSINESS

1. E-bike and e-scooter amendments to City Code

Mr. Ince described proposed changes to City Code regarding electric bikes and electric scooters.

There was a question about Segways and how they are regulated. Arizona Revised Statutes (ARS) assigns them the same rights and duties as pedestrians.

There was a discussion about Idaho stop laws, which allows bicyclists to treat stops signs like yield signs, and traffic signals like stop signs. The Committee wondered if the League of American Bicyclists has taken a position in favor or against.

Regarding the proposed reckless disregard provision, there was a question about whether the existing laws applies on FUTS trails and sidewalks away from the roadway.

The Committee raised a concern about prohibiting electric bikes from sidewalks. There are situations where it is useful to be able to ride a bicycle on a sidewalk. However, class 3 electric bikes are too fast. The Committee discussed the possibility of a sidewalk speed limit for bicycles.

The Committee discussed safety provisions that could be included in the agreement with a service provider, such as safety placards attached to the rental device. Safety information should be reduced to the most important provisions.

2. Active Transportation Master Plan

Mr. Ince presented an updated schedule for preparation and adoption of the Active Transportation and FUTS Master Plans. The Committee asked for a clarification about the relationship between the master plans and the regional plan.

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. FMPO Trip Diary Survey

This item was not discussed.

IV. CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Reports

The Committee asked about the status of the Milton corridor master plan.

Ms. Niemann provided a brief update on implementation of the climate action and adaptation plan. She reported that they are starting to form working groups organized around various climate topics, including transportation. In April they will begin work on a "climate ambassadors" program, and they have started meetings with other City departments regarding implementation of the plan. She said that the Active Transportation Master Plan will help set mode share goals referenced in the plan.

2. Announcements

There were no Announcements.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 pm.